THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Presently part of Air India's unutilised traffic rights on the routes between India and Paris, Kuala Lumpur, London and Saa'na (Yemen) are being utilisted by the designated airlines of the respective countries under a commercial agreement with Air India.

(c) and (d) Air India is already operating its own service to Paris, Kuala Lumpur and London and is still left with balance entitlements to increase these operations. Air India has no plans to commence operations to Yemen in the near future.

Off-Loading of Cargo by AI Pilots

953. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India Pilots have started to off-load cargo;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been initiated?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) There are no such instances where cargo has been off-loaded by pilots in the recent past. However, there have been instances earlier when Pilots have prevented on-loading of cargo in order to carrying staff and their dependents travelling on non-revenue tickets.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Withdrawal of British Airways Services from Calcutta

954. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Airways has reversed its decision to withdraw services from Calcutta from 30th October;

(b) if so, what prompted them to withdraw these services and then reverse it;

(c) whether Government have agreed to their terms and conditions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The Calcutta services of British Airways were being operated in conjuction with Delhi. This was leading to extra aircraft time and crew problem. British Airways had submitted a proposal that they will continue their operations to Calcutta provided they are allowed three additional frequencies per week separately for the Calcutta operation. This has been agreed to by the Government of India subject to similar rights being granted to Air India on a reciprocal basis.

Waiting list of telephone connections in Bihar

†955. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the people registered for telephone connections in Bihar during the last three years till date;

(b) the district-wise details of the persons who have been given telephone connections during the said period; and

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard and by when telephone connections would be given to all the needy persons in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The number of people registered for telephone connections in Bihar during the last three years till date (as on 30-6-2000), district-wise is given in the Statement-I (*See* below)

(b) The number of persons provided with new telephone connections in Bihar during the last three years till date (as on 30-6-2000), district-wise is given on the Statement-II (*See* below)

(c) As more and more telephone connections are given, new registration for telephones take place and it is a dynamic process. All

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.